

## BLORE HEATH.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1898.

To the Rural District Council of Blore Heath.

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#### VITAL STATISTICS.

The population of the district is decreasing, as shown by the last two census returns, and the proportional estimate to the middle of 1898:—

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Mucclestone .....	763	709	670
Tyrley .....	766	721	689
Totals .....	2335	2227	2149

The number of marriages registered in the district during 1898 was 16. The number of births in the three parishes registered during the year was fifty-nine, or a birth-rate of 27.45 per 1,000 of the population. Of the 59 births, 5 were illegitimate.

The number of deaths during the year in the three parishes was 29, giving a death-rate of 13.49 per 1,000 of the population per annum.

There were no deaths from zymotic disease during the year in the whole district.

Five children died under one year of age, and thirteen persons of the age of seventy-five years and upwards; the two extremes of life thus accounting for more than half the total number of deaths registered. Three deaths were certified as due to "old age," six to heart disease, two to phthisis, four to cancer, and two to premature birth. For further details as to causes of, and ages at, death, I beg to refer you to the analytical tables appended to the report.

#### VACCINATION.

Of the 59 children born in the district during the year, 36 were successfully vaccinated, 15 were not of age at the end of the year, 3 died unvaccinated, 2 were postponed by medical certificate, 2 left the district, and in one case a parent made declaration under Section 2 of the Vaccination Act, 1898.

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year nine cases of Infectious Disease were notified to me, viz.: Two of enteric fever, one of erysipelas, and six of diphtheria. In all these cases, the contagion was successfully confined to the houses infected, and, as previously stated, no death occurred from infectious disease in the district during the year.

The County Council of Stafford has made arrangements with the authorities of Mason College, Birmingham, whereby the diagnosis of cases of diphtheria may be verified by bacteriological examination, at the cost of their Council. Under this arrangement several of the cases of diphtheria notified have been verified at the laboratory.

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#### WATER SUPPLY.

In consequence of a succession of dry seasons, a few of the wells in the district have failed, and many have yielded a diminished supply; but the district generally is well supplied with water. I have analysed a number of samples of water taken from suspected and other wells in the district. Four samples were found to be unfit for drinking purposes.

#### NUISANCES, &C.

A table containing a summary of the sanitary work done by your Inspector is affixed to this report.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

A. MACQUEEN, M.D.

Summary of Sanitary Work done in the Inspector of Nuisances' Department during the year 1898 in the Rural District of Blore Heath.



Population of District  
in 1891 —  
2,227.

Inspections, observations and inquiries made..... Formal Notices by Au- thority ..... Nuisances abated after Notice .....	Dwelling Houses and Schools.			
	Foul Conditions.	Structural Defects.	Overcrowding.	Unfit for habitation
	6	5	3	1
		4	3	1
	12			
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